The News of Brooklyn

NEARLY SOLID FOR M'KINLEY

HOW THE KINGS COUNTY DELEGATION WILL VOTE.

THE STATE MACHINE AND BROOKLYN REPUBLI-CANS-CAUSES FOR ILL-FEELING TOWARD

THE GOVERNOR AND MR. PLATT. The Kings County delegates to the St. Louis ntion will hold a meeting on Monday evening at the Union League Club to perfect plans for the journey to St. Louis. At a meeting recently held, President Joseph R. Clark, of the Board of Aldermen, and Walter B. Atterbury, president of the Twenty-third Ward Association were appointed a committee to make arrangements for transportation, and to report at the meeting which will be held on Monday. Mr. Atterbury was asked yesterday aftersoon what arrangements had thus far been

completed.
"We have not yet made any plans that we can

amounce at present" he said. "How about Mayor Wurster's famous trip ever to the Fifth Avenue Hotel, when he talked thout transportation arrangements with Mr. Patt? Is the Mayor on the committee?" asked

Oh, the Mayor just went over to see Mr. Matt and make sure that we would have nice, comfortable cots out there, and that all would be nice and snug for our comfort," replied Mr. Atterbury, with a smile.

"It seems to be understood that Mr. Platt will check your trunks for you. Is that so?" "Well, we may allow him to carry our trunks

out there for us." "But when will he hand over the checks?

After the first ballot?" "I shouldn't wonder if we would call in the

checks just about as soon as we reach the city. It wouldn't be at all surprising," was the sig-Just where Mayor Wurster received his com-

nission for his trip to the Fifth Avenue Hotel nobody knows, and investigation has failed to disclose any records of the meetings hitherto held by the delegaces in which the committee of two was augmented.

The Tribune on Monday estimated that when the first ballot was taken at St. Louis in June the Kings County votes would stand: McKinley, 7, and Morton, 3. More recent developments make it appear that the vote will be: McKinley, 8: Morton, 2. The Legislature, which adjourned yesterday, has not been particularly kind to In its frantic endeavor to guard the welfare of the State machine regardless of the interests of everybody and everything else, it has possibly succeeded, if Governor Morton's interests at St. Louis could be classified outside In the main Mr. Platt and his friends have

attempted to follow the wishes of the Worth wing of the party. They have succeeded in doing this in several instances, but in others, for reasons best known to himself, they have either falled or deliberately declined to rush through measures of supreme interest to the machine lement in Brooklyn. Their failure to pass these bills fostered by the friends of his ally, Mr. Worth will not soon be forgotten. A conspicuous instance of the State machine's refusal to bide by the wishes of the Kings County machine

able by the wishes of the Kings County machine men was its shelving of the bill raising the salary of President Clark, of the Board of Aldermen. from \$2,000 to \$4,000. It is asy to see how this consideration might lose one vote for Mr. Platt's candidate at St. Louis.

The enmity of Mayor Wurster, Commissioner Willia and the entire administration faction has been aroused, first of all by the forced passage of the Lexow Consolidation bill, and hardly in less degree by the defeat of the Charities Reorganization bill and the Bridge Reorganization bill. As is well known, the Consolidation bill was bitterly opposed to the end by the Republican

bitterly opposed to the end by the Republican organization in Brooklyn. The Charities and Bridge bills were strongly favored by Mayor Wurster and their passage was most earnestly desired. These four instances of Boss Platt's desired. These four instances of Boss Flatts studied decilination to recognize the desires of leading Republicans of both factions, backed by the long standing antipathy of the anti-machine element, have placed the State organization interests in Kinga County in a most perilous attitude. The first opportunity offered for retaliation will be at St. Louis,

A Republican leader of influence said yesterday that beyond question these considerations would

that beyond question these considerations would be of immense force in turning the St. Louis delesation from Morton to McKinley. He said that he had no doubt whatever that eight of the ten delegates, namely, Messrs, Wurster, Willis, At-brury, Roberts, Clark, Kaltenbach, Harman and Woodruff, would at the last moment prove

and Woodruff, would at the last moment prove themselves McKinley men.
It is entirely possible that in view of the content in the Vith District, Controller George W. Pilmer and County Clerk Henry C. Saffen will be obliged to divide their votes with Henry C. Scheuter and Edward Fischer, the two contestants Messrs. Palmer and Saffen are machine men first, last and all the time, and their vote will always go just where Platt directs. If one vote from the Vith District is awarded by the Committee on Credentials to the contestants, Major McKinley will surely get the vote. This vote, with those of the eight already named, will give the Ohio candidate nine and leave only one for

WILL GO BACK TO PRISON AGAIN.

O'NEIL HOWEVER, IS LIKELY TO STAY THERE FOR

A LONG TERM THIS TIME. ohn O'Nell was convicted in the County Court before Judge Hurd yesterday of burglary and grand larceny, as a second offence. The prisoner has a bad record. On March 9, 1888, he received a year and ten months in the positentiary for burglary.
On January 8, 1803, he was sentenced to a year for grand larceny, and on May 6, 1803, he was sentenced for two years and six months for burglary again.

the charge proved against him yesterday was that January 8 lass he broke into the rooms of the H. Smith above his liquor-store, at Twenfourth-st. and Fifth-ave., and stole clothing in 100.

O'Neil protested strenuously that he was not ulty. He said he was standing in the place sings. He was drunk and he did not know what he adong. Suddenly he found himself in the room the complainant, who was shaking him and the complainant, who was shaking him and the sairs and told to get out. He hung soul and then Smith found that he had lost three sairs and there was a ladder standing against the sale of the house.

UNION LEAGUE CLUB'S LAST MUSICAL.

The final musical of the season for women was League Club in Bedford-ave. All the women several hundred in number, wore handthe spring costumes. The programme was as

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(a) "Album Leaf" (b) "Fruhling Nacht" S Dao, "Night Hymn at Pizzarello.	Grieg
Duo, "Night Hymn at Sea" Go Miss Gertrude State and Signer Ed	couman-Laszt
Miss Gertrude Stein and Signor Bollomanna from "La Giaconda"	oring-Thomas
Violin solo, "Capriccio" (Opus Posta)	Ponchielli
Aria, "Joan of Arc." Mime. Camilla Urso.	Niels Gade
Aria from "Queen of Sheta". Pano, Concert Waltz	Bamberg
Pano Con Signor Bologua.	Gounod
Saga J. Pizzarello.	Moszkowski

. Edward E. Towne.

nusicals given for women at the club this every occasion the talent has been of the le Entertainment Committee consists of F. Fuller, chairman; George K. Gilluly, Z. Allen, S. W. Mulligan and Walter Scott.

TWO JUSTICES RETIRE.

CHARLES E. TEALE AND ANDREW LEMON TAKE THEIR SEATS TO-DAY.

THEY SUCCEED HENRY F. HAGGERTY AND RICH ARD H. LAIMBEER, RESPECTIVELY-THE

Justice Charles E. Teale will assume charge of the Myrtle Avenue Police Court this morning. He spent several hours with Henry F. Haggerty, the lesson in the transaction of business in a police appoint Charles Coates, of Pacific-st., in the place



CHARLES E. TEALE.

of Mr. Steenwerth, the chief clerk. It is not definitely known whether the new Judge will make further changes. Speaking yesterday of his office

"I enter upon my new duties with some trepida tion I must acknowledge, but I hope to gain confiwith experience. No man can tell how seasick he is to be before he gets to sea. I have been preparing myself for my new duties for some time familiarizing myself with the code so far as possient justices at their work. A new police justice is entitled to consideration for a while. We never had a president of the Board of Education who was not weak for a time, but all arose to the occa-sion finally and performed their duties acceptably." Mr. Teale will not abandon his business. It has been mentioned that he resigned from the

Board of Education. The new Judge was born in Nottingham, England, in 1843, and when only six years old came t

land, in 1843, and when only six years old came to this country. He was educated in this city, and his first place wan that of a messenger boy in the offices of the Young Men's Christian Association. Eighteen years ago he was appointed a member of the Board of Education, and served in that body until his appointment to his present office. Justice Haggerty is well known in Democratic circles, and while a Magistrate, performed his duties in a creditable manner.

Justice Andrew Lemon takes his seat this morning in the Ewen Street Police Court, as successor to ex-Justice Richard H. Laimbeer, whose term of office expired at midnight. At the close of the session in the Ewen Street Police Court yesterday the court attaches presented to the retiring Justice a silver loving cup, at a dinner in the Home Club, in Grand-st., near Ewen-st. The presentation was made by the incoming Justice, which was given by ex-Justice William Watson, on behalf of the court attaches. Justice Laimbeer thirteen months ago



ANDREW LEMON.

succeeded ex-Police Justice Watson, who retired. The incoming official was appointed by ex-Mayer Schieren. He is a well-known lawyer of the Twenty-eighth Ward, and also a prominent member of St. Barnabas's Protestant Episcopal Church, in Bushwick-ave.

SHE FED HIM ON CORNED BEEF.

RUTHERFORD'S AUNT ALSO OFFERED TO FIND HIM A WIFE IF NEEDFUL.

Justice Osborne, of the Supreme Court, was called upon yesterday to settle a dispute which has stirred to its foundation the colored society in the neighborhood of Lawrence-st. The affair came up on the return of a writ of habeas corpus through which Edward Johnson, of Canarsie, sought secure possession of his son, Rutherford, nineteen years old, who, he said, was restrained from hi liberty by his aunt, Nancy Rutherford, of No. 115 Lawrence-st. Rutherford is tall and has a slight limp. His aunt, with whom he has been living for some time past, is wealthy and unmarried. She told Justice Osborne that it was untrue that she had kept Rutherford from going to his father. He came to her of his own free will and she could easily see why he did so. She fed him on corned beef and cabbage, and to judge by his condition when he came to her and by stories he told her of his treatment at home, he had hardly enough to ent there. He was delicate and high-spirited. She was willing to take care of him and to bring him up. She would find him a good wife if that was necessary. After he left his father and came to her, the petitioner came to her house at midnight one night and demanded his son. Miss Johnson talked to him through the window and promised to send the boy back the next day. He did not return that day nor the next, and then Mr. Johnson sued out his writ of habeas corpus.

Justice Osborne examined the boy and he told the Judge that he did not want to go back. He thought he was better where he was. Edward Johnson, the petitioner, said that he wanted to take the boy and send him to school. Justice Osborne gave the custody of the boy to the father, and the parties to the proceeding and their sympathetic friends, who had gathered in large numbers, argued until they all boarded a car for Canarsie. to her of his own free will and she could easily see

MR. DU VAL AFTER A COMMISSIONERSHIP.

Horace C. Du Val is a candidate to represent on the Greater New-York Commission. He has been an ardent worker for consolidation. He is vice-president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, a large stockholder in the Brooklyn Storage Warehouse Company and the Schermerhorn Bank, and is identified with other important Brook-lyn interests. His competitor for the Commission-ership is St. Clair McKelway, Editor of "The Brooklyn Eagle."

HE MUST PAY OR GO TO JAIL.

Daniel Sherman, a variety actor, was arrested yesterday on a warrant in contempt proceedings brought against him for a violation of a contract. Sherpear at the Breoklyn Music Hall in an athletic act.
Just before they were to appear they engaged
themselves to appear at the Gayety Theatre. The proprietors of the Brooklyn Music Hall secured an injunction restraining them from appearing at the Gayety Theatre, but they disregarded it. Sherman was found to be in contempt, and was directed to pay a fine of \$100. He has failed to pay the fine, and as the time has expired in which he was to pay it he was arrested yesterday. If he does not pay he will stay in 'all for 100 cays.

NOW IN FULL FORCE.

THE RAINES LAW MUST BE OBEYED, SAYS COLONEL MICHELL.

LAST MEETING OF THE OLD EXCISE BOARD HELD YESTERDAY-A RUSH FOR LICENSES

Brooklyn's old Excise Board held its last meeting yesterday and adjourned sine die, after turning over all its property to Colonel Michell and last night the Raines law went into full effect. The complete establishment of the new regime will not be fully perfected for a day or two, be cause of some unavoidable delay in getting certificate blanks. The late arrival of these important pieces of paper has made it necessary for or three additional days to purchase their certificates. The blanks did not arrive until 2 o'clock several hours there was a long string of saloonkeepers waiting to secure their certificates at the headquarters of the Excise Board in the Germania Building. Twelve clerks are kept busy making out the certificates and receiving the money, which must be presented either in cash or in certified checks.

It is not easy for many of the saloonkeepers to pay their tax of \$650. Under the old Excise Board the liquor dealers were sometimes allowed to make their payment within a week or two of this consideration will not be shown by Colonel Michell. Unless the entire amount is handed over when the certificate is sought, the saloon will be immediately closed.

Commissioner Lyman has selected the First National Bank, at Broadway and Kent-ave., nearly three miles from the excise office, as the depository for the excise funds. Commissioner Lyman has been freely criticised for selecting a bank so far away from the headquarters of the department. Colonel Michell has explained the arrangements that had been made with the bank, arrangements that had been made with the bank, saying that satisfactory provision had been made whereby the distance would not cause any inconvenience. The bank will receive each day's receipts after the regular business of the bank and the office is over, and the bank will send messengers for the money, and assume responsibility for its safe transfer from the office to the

bank.

Colonel Michell expects to be informed of the appointment of three mode special inspectors within a day or two. On Sunday the ten inspectors will be assigned to various portions of the city, and will be instructed to watch carefully for violations of the law. Colonel Michell intimated vesterday that he was not likely to consider one sandwich as a meal for five hundred people, and that careful compliance with the let-ter of the law would be demanded.

AN IMPROVEMENT EXPECTED.

BUSINESS ALONG THE WATER-FRONT SHOWING SIGNS OF LIFE

re seems to be a general impression along the water-front that business has a tendency to look up. At Woodruff's Stores the bulkheads and piers simply choked with sugar from Antigua and This is largely the cargo Dutch Royal mail boats and one of Voege's steam ships. At Robinson's Stores the American ship Henry B. Hyde has finished discharging a Cal-cutta cargo, and the bark Lottle Moore, one of The Anchor Line steamer Victoria is at the Union Stores, where there is considerable sugar was loading grain from a floating elevator yester one of the Union Hamburg steamers were at the

couple of others at the lower piers, besides a few sailing vessels.

There is an impression that the grain trade is about to pick up a little. Rumor has it that a railroad has contracted for 2,000,000 bushels of grain, and that other roads are also going to ship grain to this port. It is said that the members of the Produce Exchange have held a meeting and taken the railroads severely to task for their discrimination against the port of New-York. At Dow's elevator no grain was loading yesterday, but the steamers Britannia and Neustria, of the Fabre Line, were moored in the slip, apparently preparing to load grain. There was not a ship at Beard's to load grain. There was not a ship at Beard Amity-st, stores, or at the United States elevator

PREPARING TO LAY ASPHALT.

SEVENTEEN MORE STREETS TO BE IM-PROVED-AN EXPERIMENT WITH ASPHALT BLOCKS.

Commissioner Willis, of the Department of Cft; Works, is preparing to advertise for proposals for laying asphalt pavements on parts of seventeen streets in different sections of the city. There are some specially interesting features about this batch of streets that are to be provided with smooth pave-

ments. The full list is as follows:

Montrose-ave., between Union and Bushwick aves;
Macon-st., between Stuyvesant and Reid aves.; Middagh-st., between Henry-st. and Columbia Heights Taylor-st., between Wythe and Lee aven; Four-teenth-st., between Eighth-ave, and Prospect Park West: Fourth-et., between Seventh and Eighth aves ; Eighth-ave., between President and Carroll sts.; Keap-st., between Marcy and Division aves.; South Ninth-st., between Wythe-ave. and Berry-st.; Palmetto-st., between Bushwick and Evergreen aves. Sidney Place, between Livingston and Statz sis-Bainbridge-et., between Stuyvesant and Reid avec. Carroll-st., between Seventh-ave, and Prospect Park West; Lenox Road, between Flatbush and Rogers aves.; Dean-st., between Bedford and Franklin aves. Pacific-st., between Bedford and Nostrand aves . Willoughby-ave., between Tompkins and Throop

with the exception of Sidney Place, on which it is proposed to place asphalt blocks. This will be almost a new experiment in Brooklyn. There is only one short strip of such pavement in the city, and that is in Cour: Square, or Boerum Place, between Fulton and Livingston ets. This was laid several years ago, and, on the whole, has given good satis-

Readers of The Tribune may remember that Nelson P. Lewis, who has charge of the Bureau of Local Improvements in the City Works Department, made favorable mention of this variety of pavement in his last annual report and recommended that it be tried further. Asphalt block payement is somewhat more expensive than sheet be called for to determine just what the difference in cost is in Brooklyn. There seems to be little doubt that the asphalt blocks made nowadays are superior to those laid seven or eight years ago on Court Square, and that they will be more durable.

Sidney Place is a street on which there is little traffic. It runs from Joralemon-st. to State-st., not far from the City Hall, and is not really a thoroughfare in the strict sense of the word. It is best known to the public from the fact that the Roman Catholic Church of St. Charles Borromeo fronts on One block of this short street is now paved with sheet asphalt, between Joralemon and Livingston sts. The remaining block is about three times as long, and the asphalt blocks will therefore

ingston sts. The remaining block is about three times as long, and the asphalt blocks will therefore cover about 756 feet.

Another interesting circumstance is that an asphalt pavement is to be laid in a part of a street in the Twenty-inith Ward—the first work of the kind undertaken by the city in the recently annexed territory. There is an asphalt pavement in Flatbush-ave, through this ward, but it was laid by the town before it became a part of the city. Lenox Road, formerly called Diamond-st, is one of the finest streets in the Flatbush section. It was provided with a Scrimshaw or asphalt pavement twenty-five or thirty years ago, and this has now fallen into bad condition. To make things worse, a sewer was recently built through the street.

This is the only street in the new wards paved at the expense of the property-owners, and accordingly the only one that can be repaved under the law governing the repaving of streets in the older part of the city. To a considerable extent the old pavement can be used asy foundation for the new one, but where it has been torn away a concrete foundation will be laid for the asphalt.

The other streets which it is proposed to repave in part are not of general public interest, inasmuch as they will not help to complete thoroughfares or through routes to any extent. The extension of the asphalt pavement in South Ninth-st, however, to Wythe-ave, will carry asphalt one block nearer to the fetries at the lower end of Broadway. With this improvement completed one will be able to go on asphalt all the way to the ferries, except for a distance of five blocks.

A CAUSE FOR REJOICING.

BROOKLYN SHOULD BE HAPPY OVER THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE LEGISLATURE.

BILLS PASSED AFFECTING THE CITY AND THOSE WHICH WERE "TURNED DOWN"-LITTLE TERESTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

Albany, April 20 (Special).-The Legislature of 1896 body is concerned in forcing upon Brooklyn con-This should be pleasing news to the citizens of Brooklyn. They have received little favorable legislation, despite the earnest efforts of a part of their representatives, and have much for which they can regard with disapprobation the session of 1898. Not only has consolidation been forced upon Brooklyn, but the city treasury is to be looted by the operations of the Raines Liquor Tax law. principal Brooklyn bills passed have been those relating to street exemptions and those giving .iberal acts of the Assembly was the passage of Senator McNuity's bill, exempting from the operation of railroads Union-st. This would not have been enacted had not Assemblyman "Eddle" Brennan taken up the bill and hustled it through the Assembly in the last hour of the session. Other bills which were parsed by the Assembly this morning are: Senator Wieman's, appropriating \$100,000 for the 47th Regiment armory in Brooklyn: Senator Wray's, increasing to \$500,000 the amount of paving bonds that Brooklyn can issue, and Senator Gallagher's. ixing the time for the payment of certain assessments in Brooklyn. The Senate passed Mr. Guider's bill, prohibiting railroads in Pacific-ave., in Brook-lyn, and Mr. Newman's bill, amending the Gravesend Water Works law.

To abate nuisances in Newtown Creek, this when provisions completed turns seven sewers from the creek into East River, four on Brooklyn and three on Long Island City side, Passed.

New-York and Brooklyn resubmission bill. Killed in compilite.

n committee
Providing for celebrating of Washington's Birthday in Brooklyn Passed.
Providing for distribution of excise moneys for charitable purposes in Brooklyn Passed.
Authorizing appropriations for hospitals and dispensaries in Brooklyn. Passed.
To amend Criminal Code, to allow justices' courts to try misdemeanors. Passed.
To repeal law allowing persons to confiscate property for the purposes of mining thereon. Passed.
To provide for stenographers in Kings County courts. Passed.
To provide for interpreters in Kings County courts. To provide for clerks in Kings County courts. divide Department of City Works, Brooklyn,

Abandoned.

To erect new hospital in Brooklyn (introduced by request). Abandoned.

To fix places for judicial sales. Killed in committee.
To allow City Clerk of Brooklyn another deputy.
Passed.
To allow Kings County Pharmaceutical Society to
confer degree of doctor of pharmacy. Passed.
To provide for an interpreter in Surrogate's Court.
Passed. To regulate telephone charges. Killed in commit

exempt Rodney-st, from railroads, Passed, o regulate and improve Civil Service. Killed in imittee, amend election law. Raines bill took preference, a provide for purchasing of supplies in cases of resency for departments of Brooklyn. Passed, a provide for Brooklyn deficiency caused by contation of city and county governments. Passed, a provide for erection of Brooklyn Institute of and Sciences' museum building. Passed, transfer bridgekeepers to patrol duty. Passed, not accepted by Mayor, owing to defect as to I Service. Service, diding for certain companies to do marine mee in this State. Passed, diding for education and manual training for under fourteen years of age convicted of less than a felony. Passed, mining park law of Brooklyn providing for use mining on bonds for improvements of parks.

provide for public driveways in Brooklyn. Passed.

To repeal act placing chief engineers in charge of public buildings. Died in committee. Provides for additional security for leases of markelmen at Wallabout Market. Passed. To provide for additional deputy suditor. Passed. To provide for repairs and rebuilding of City Hall. Passed.

rors, Withdrawn.
Relating to unexpended balances of any department of Brooklyn. Withdrawn.

providing for payment of interest on Gravesend onds Passed Providing for interest on New-Utrecht bonds, hasself.

Repeals Uhlman charter providing for bridge cross foot of Hudson-st, and restoring the rights fetty to build such bridge. Died in committee.

Providing funds for the work of the Civil Service Providing funds for the work of the Civil Service Commission. Passed.

Authorizing Atlantic Avenue Mission to convey its property to the Clinton Avenue Church. Passed.

Amending the bottling law to protect cause in which special oils are stored. Passed.

To provide for the sale of the old 13th Regiment Armory building and appropriating \$25,000 of proceeds to completion of new building. Passed.

Providing for a metropolitan commission to inquire into municipal government questions and report to Legislature. Died in commistee.

Relating to construction of buildings, providing greater mafety to immates of hospitals, hotels and theatres. Passed.

Relating to conduits for electric wires in Brooklyn. Passed.

Providing for commitment of female delinquents to the Wayside Home. Passed.

RESOLUTIONS.

Memorializing Congress on subject of certain claims of New-York State against the United States lovernment pertaining to war of 1812. Passed. Providing for the compliation by the Adjutant-

assed. Providing investigating committee of the Senate study the question of pure water supply for es and towns of the State. Reported favorably animously) from committee; recommitted and again reported. eviding for a committee to investigate the quesagain reported.

oviding for a committee to investigate the quesof alleged exorbitant telephone charges and resuggestions for remedy. Not reported from

ommittee. Fifty-four bills and resolutions introduced; forty assed both houses.

FOUR SUBWAY EXPLOSIONS.

MANHOLE COVERS HURLED HIGH IN THE AIR-GAS LEAKAGE THE CAUSE.

Four explosions of subways of the New-York and New-Jersey Telephone Company caused much exstement yesterday morning in the Bedford district. The first explosion was at Fulton-st, and Classonave. The occupants of the buildings near by were body frightened, but none of them were injured. At Fulton-st. and Franklin-eve. a huge cap covering a manhole was thrown twenty-five feet into the air, hitting the tracks of the elevated railroad above. The cap weighed about five hundred pounds.

There was a slight report at Fulton-st, and Spen-

cer Place, and at Atlantic and Frankin aves, the cover of a manhole was blown nearly over the high cover of a mannole was blown hearly over the high gate of the Long Island Railroad. Cobbjestones within twenty feet of the subway were torn up and hurled in all directions. The general superintendent of the telephone com-pany said the explosions were due to leakage from gas pipes. None of the wires in the conduits were injured, and there was no delay in the service.

FUNERAL OF ISAAC N. THACHER. The body of Isaac Newton Thacher, a distant relative of John Boyd Thacher, Mayor of Albany,

will to-morrow be taken to Cambridge, N. Y., for For thirty years the dead man had been dealing in stoves and ranges in the neighborhood of Water and Beekman sts., New-York. He was of Water and Beesman St., New-York. He was taken suddenly ill on Tuesday. A cab was called and he was taken to his home, at No. 236 Greene-ave. His death followed on Wednesday from apoplexy. He leaves a widow. The funeral services were held last night. Mr. Thacher was sixty-five years old.

LILLIAN RUSSELL UNABLE TO SING. In the first act of "La Perichole," at the Colum-

bia Theatre, last night, while Lillian Russell was attempting to carry through her part, she broke down. Miss Russell has been troubled with a throat difficulty since last week. She tried to sing on Monday night, and broke down. There were no performances in the Columbia on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, in consequence. Upon her re-tiring last night the stage manager announced that the performance would close, and that admission money would be refunded at the box office. The singer's physician thinks her throat will be in good condition again in a few days if she is careful.

ALLOWANCE TOO SMALL.

COMMITTEE DISSATISFIED.

THE INVESTIGATION OF THE KINGS COUNTY

CHARITIES DEPARTMENT TOO EXPENSIVE

Soon after the report reached Brooklyn yesterday that the Senate had voted to cut down the Cities Committee in its investigation of the Kings County Charities Department from \$35,000 to \$8,000, it was reported that Hugo Hirsh, chief counsel for the committee, would decline to accept this small emount. Mr. Hirsh put in a bill for \$35,000 for his services, considering this, as he says, a reasonable sum. When the bill for the payment of the \$35,000 reached the Legislature it was vigorously opposed, mainly by Senator O'Grady, who inserted a specification for \$8,000 in the supplemental supply bill. The Ways and Means Committee acted upon his suggestion, and the bill, as it passed yesterday, pro vided for only \$8,000 for Mr. Hirsh Mr. Hirsh, when asked about the report that

he would refuse to accept this amount, said that he had had no official information from Albany as to the amount appropriated for him, and consequently he was not in a position to say positively what he would do. He declared that \$8,000 was compensation hardly worthy of consideration in view of the vest amount of work accomplished. He said he was working on the investigation of the Charities Department night and day for six months, assisted by a large corpe of clerks and stenographers. His committee made a most thorough investigation of all the accounts of the corrupt department, prepared careful and comprehensive reports, and in general left nothing undone which would in any way contribute value to the result. Mr. Hirsh says that he has already paid out \$4,000 for expenses incurred in the course of his work, and that bills for \$3,000 still remain to be paid. Deducting this \$7,000 for disbursements from the ducting this \$7,000 for disbursements from the \$8,000 allowed by the Legislature, only \$1,000 will remain as calary for Mr. Hirsh and the attorneys who co-operated with him. The amounts which will be received by the lawyers, according to-Mr. Hirsh's reckoning, are most insignificant when the vast extent of the work accomplished is considered. Mr. Hirsh intimated in his conversation with a Tribune reporter that he would probably refuse to accept the scant allowance. He declares that Senator O'Grady himself not long ago expressed the belief that \$35,000 was no more than a fair allowance for the counsel. re than a fair allowance for the counsel.

MR. PLATFOOT WILL COMPROMISE.

THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM MERELY TECH-NICAL, AND CAN BE SETTLED

OUT OF COURT. Supervisor Platfoot, of the Long Island State Hos pital, who was arrested last week by the Federal authorities, charged with manufacturing and selling cigars without a license, was again taken before Commissioner Morle for examination yesterday

morning. He vas accompanted by Dr. Sylvester, general superintendent of the asylum, and Dr. Dew-ing, his bondsmen, and Charities Commissioner Simis. Mr. Simis and the bondsmen held a consultation with Assistant United States District-Attorney Roy, Collector Kelly and his chief deputy, Mr. Mc Afterward this statement was given out

We believe that there has been only a technical violation of the law out at the Long Island State Hospital, and that there was no attempt to violate the internal revenue laws. After a consultation this morning we reached this conclusion. It is a good thing for the insane patients to be employed when they can do anything. This man was a cigarmaker by trade, and it amused and occupied him. The doctors at the institution, with this end in view, purchased a small quantity of tobacco and gave it to a patient to make into cigars in order to give him occupation. Policeman Ryan testified that he had never bought a cigar from Mr. Platfoot. In view of the circumstances, I have recommended that Mr. Platfoot compromise the matter with the Government authorities. The present status of the case is this: Mr. Platfoot will probably not be troubled by the Government any further, as the affair may be amicably settled within a day or two. he internal revenue laws. After a consultation this

SAYS HIS REPUTATION IS RUINED.

THEREFORE PETER BERTSCH, A PAINTER, SUES TO RECOVER \$15,000.

terday, before Justice Clement and a jury, in the terday, before Justice Cement and a property wood Finishing Company, of New-Milford, Conn. The plaintiff is engaged in the business of painting and finishing wagons and fine signs in this city. He alleges that in May, 1892, the defendant offered to sell him something which was called "diamond rough stuff" and was to be used as a filler in the preparation of panels on wagons and smooth surfaces. Bertsch says he was told that the stuff was the best in the market, and relying on the representations that were made to him, he used large quantities of it. About six months later, he learned that it was peeling off of all the wagons he had painted in the mean time. He had to repaint a great many of them at his own expense, and he says that the reputation as a good workman which he had spent years in building up, was almost entirely ruined. He fixes his alleged damages at \$15,000.

The answer of the defendant is that they made no guarantee of the effect of the stuff to the plaintiff. He took it for what it was worth, and it is his own fault if he was not suited. They set up a counter claim for \$108.96 for stuff which Bertsch bought and did not pay for The trial was continued. in the market, and relying on the representations

CLEARING THE PLAZA.

THE OBSTRUCTIONS AT LAST TAKEN AWAY-WHAT THE HEIGHTS COMPANY WOULD LIKE TO DO.

People who have had occasion recently to cros the plaza adjoining the Brooklyn Bridge Station have been gratified at the removal of the obstruc tions that were long allowed to occupy a full half of it, and now the work of paving that part of the open space formerly cumbered with iron trusses and other building material is well advanced. At last it is possible to see what the plaza is going to be like when it is in a finished state. It certainly of money spent by the people in providing it, but it public rights to turn it over to the use of the surface railroads, even if they were willing to pay a

No one can deny that the elevated railroads have encroached too far on the plaza, but it must be remembered that this is not altogether the fault of the Bridge authorities, since one of the companies secured its privileges from a Rapid Transit Com-mission; and then it was thought no more than fair and right that the patrons of the other should have something like equal facilities in reaching the

question as to why the Brooklyn Heights Company lid not proceed with the laying of its tracks on the plaza in accordance with the plan suggested some time ago by Mayor Wurster. When President Rossiter was asked yesterday as to the intentions of his company he replied:

"We are willing to do whatever the people want us to do. In my opinion the plaza and Liberty-st, would be worth far more to the people of Brooklyn if trolley cars were running over them, and I feel perfectly sure that that is what we shall see in the future. We are willing to go halfway in meeting any reasonable offer, but we are content with things as they are, so long as the people can stand it. It is the people who travel on our cars who have to walk across that beautiful plaza and stand under the drippings of the elevated road until the cars they want come along. I have looked into the matter of the plaza carefully, and counted the number of wagons crossing it, and I know the people do not use it to any great extent; and as for Liberty-st. It is absolutely dead. We should like to lay tracks near the Bridge station, so that people could board our cars conveniently as soon as they come down the stairs, or we are willing to put them on tother side of the plaza, as Mayor Wurster suggested. But we are not willing to pay more than a reasonable sum for the privilege, and we don't propose to 'see' any one in regard to it. Our position is a perfectly plain one. We should get a few more passengers, I presume, if our cars ran close to the station, but probably not many. This is a question for the people to settle for themselves, and I have no doubt as to the way they will settle it in the end." future. We are willing to go halfway in meeting

IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

ATTORNEYS OF THE ASSEMBLY CITIES A GIRL OF TWELVE YEARS CONFESSES TO ROBBING HER COMPANIONS.

> LITTLE KATE TAYLOR SAYS SHE WAS LURED INTO A VACANT HOUSE AND HER EARRINGS STOLEN - PAWNTICKETS

Louisa Billion, of No. 67 Montrose-ave., twelve years old, was a prisoner in the Ewen Street Police Court yesterday on a charge of robbing Kate Tay-lor, eight years old, of No. 312 Stagg-st. Early yesterday morning the parents of Kate Taylor sent her on an errand, and, as she remained away several hours, they were searching for her when she appeared at her home crying. The child said that she had been taken by another girl to a vacant house in Johnson-ave., near the Newtown Meadows, and there robbed of her gold earrings. Upon hear-ing her description of the girl Detective Becker placed Louisa under arrest. When searched at the Stagg-st. station a dozen pawntickets were found in the girl's pockets. At first she denied having robbed Kate Taylor, but on being identified by her she broke down and confessed. She told the police that she had been in the habit of taking jewelry from her younger companions and using the money to buy candy with. Her parents knew nothing whatever of her thefts. In the Ewen Street Police Court she became sullen and refused to talk. Mrs. Meyer, of No. 228 Stagg-st., charged her with stealing from her nine-year-old daughter. The girl was remnnded until Monday in the custody of the Children's Society. It is believed that many complaints will be made against her in the mean time. Six weeks ago Lena Welsner, of the same age, and living at No. 94 Bremen-st., was sent to the House of the Good Shepherd for a similar offence. Stagg-st. station a dozen pawntickets were found

HER HUSBAND SWORE TO BE AVENGED. Justice Schumacher, of Middle Village, Long Island, three months ago sent Andrew Schwartz, of No. 26 Cook-st., to jall for twenty-five days for beating his wife Mary. Yesterday she was summoned to the Lee Avenue Police Court to explain why she retained a diamond ring belonging to Mrs. why she retained a diamond ring belonging to Mrs. Mary Andonschecke, of No. 83 Bartlett-st. Mrs. Schwartz denied ever having seen the ring, and the complainant stated that Schwartz had informed her that his wife had it. Counsel for Mrs. Schwarts then stated that when Schwartz was sent to prison on his wife's complaint he swile to be avenged. There was no evidence whitever against Mrs. Schwartz, and the summon was dismissed.

IT IS A WHITE ELEPHANT.

A GIFT OF PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE In Presbyterian circles it is believed that the gift of the late Elliott F. Shepard of property at Clinton-et, and First Place, to the Brooklyn Presbytery for use as a home for aged people, will be acquired by the city at an early date for non-payment of

Early in May, 1892, Mr. Shepard and his wife con veyed the property, worth then probably \$18,000, to the Presbytery. The property was to be used for charitable or religious purposes, and if not so used it was to be conveyed to the grantors. It was the original intention of the Presbytery to use the building as a home for aged and indigent women, but ing as a home for aged and indigent women, but upon examination it was found to be impracticable to do so. The house is not at all suitable for such purpose, and, in addition, its location was inconvenient. The Presbytery desire either to convert this property into money which they can use in carrying out their plan of establishing a home, or else reconvey it to the legal representatives of Mr. Shepard. With this object in view they recently petitioned the Supreme Court for leave to deed the property back to its former owners. Judge Osborne denied the application on the grounds that it was not a sale as contemplated by the statute. The property is a burden to the Presbytery, as it cannot be rented under the conditions of the deed, and is a constant source of expelse.

STREET CONTRACT AWARDED.

JAMES DUNNE AND JOSEPH A. M'GARRY BD GAN WORK AT ONCE YESTERDAY.

City Works Commissioner Willis yesterday awarded the contract for cleaning the streets and removing ashes from the city to James Dunne and Joseph A. McGarry. The contract is for three years, and the price will be \$17 a mile for each year for cleaning the streets, and for removing ashes \$20,000 for the first year, \$225,000 for the second, and \$230,000 for the third year. Under the late contract the price paid for cleaning the streets was \$23 a mile, and the annual mileage was 15,000. The low bid for the present contract has enabled Mr. Willis to increase the number of miles from 19,000, as designated in the proposals, to 25,000 miles, which will be the

The dumping ground will be at the st., and at Crown-st. and Nostrand-ave. The American Surety Company is on the bond of the contractors for \$300,000. A new feature in the con-tract calls for the continuous cleaning of streets

contractors for \$300,000. A new feature in the contract calls for the continuous cleaning of streets paved with granite.

The successful bidders have secured the plant which has been used for three years by Robert Furey, the former contractor. They began work yesterday upon the contract, and will make an effort to put a stop to the use of poorly equipped ashears, from which the ashes fail to the street, and will introduce new wagons, which will not only prevent this nuisance, but will be so arranged that dust cannot arise from the ashes.

Judge Osborne was asked to grant an order to J. A. Wernberg and A. F. Jenks requiring Commissioner Wills to show cause why he should not be stayed from awarding the contract for cleaning the streets, pending the appeal of McKeever Brothers from the order refusing a writ of mandanius sued out by them against Mr. Willis.

"I don't see that it is a case in which I can interfere," Judge Osborne said, "The public Interest is too strong an argument against my granting a stay. I deny the motion."

BEYOND SANDY HOOK LIGHTSHIP.

CITY REFUSE TO BE CARRIED FAR OUT TO SEA-CREMATORIES TO BE BUILT AND DUMPING AVOIDED.

Health Commissioner Emery has received the following letter in answer to an inquiry with reference to the dumping of refuse in the waters of the Bay:

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Office of the
Supervisor of the Harbor of New-York.
New-York, April 28, 1896.

Dr. Z. Taylor Emery, Commissioner of Health,
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Dear Sir: In reply to yours of the 27th inst., I
have to say that the New-York City refuse is being
deposited outside of Sandy Hook Lightship. The
order for this went into effect yesterday. I have
issued an order that all cellar dirt shall be deposited
outside the Lightship, commencing on the 1st prog.
This, I am sure, will be a material protection to
Coney Island beaches, but I hope to have the
practice of dumping at sea discontinued some time
In July. Respectfully. D. DELEHANTY,
Lieutenant-Commander U. S. Navy, Supervisor.
James Dunne, the contractor, sald yesterday that
so far as Brooklyn's garbage was concerned crema-

so far as Brooklyn's garbage was concerned cremaso far as Brooklyn's garbage was concerned orema-tories for its burning would be constructed at Sigourney-st., and at Eighty-sixth-st. These will take all the garbane, Mr. Dunne believes, and do away with the necessity of dumping it at see. Each crematory will take over 100 tons a day.

BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSED.

conference of Home Departments of the Kings County Sunday School Association was held at the Baptist Temple. Third-ave. and Schermerhorn-st. last night. The object of these Home Departments is to promote and encourage the study of the Bible, in connection with the Sunday-school, among those who for any reason are unable to attend its ses-sions. The officers of the association are W. M. Cartwright, president, and John R. Morris, secretary. There are forty-five of these Home Depart-ments in Brooklyn, and twenty-five were represented by one or more delegates at the conference. The meeting was entirely informal, there was no pro-gramme and no set speeches. The president presided, and the time was largely taken up with verbal reports from the delegates and words of encouragereports from the delegates and words of encouragement and advice from other Sunday-school workers present. Among those promined in this field are Theodore M. Banta, of the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church; Miss Mary Ledger, of the Baptist Temple; the Rev. Samuel King, of the Willoughby Avenue Congregational Church; George W. Logan, of the Reid Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church; Justus W. Smith, of the First Baptist Church, Flatbush, and the Rev. W. F. Silleck, of the Brighton Chapel.

THE BORDEN YACHT NEARLY FINISHED. C. D. Borden's new twin-screw steam yacht is

rapidly approaching completion at the yard of John N. Robins & Co., Brie Basin. Nearly all the interior iron work is in place, even to the framing of the deckhouses. Yesterday, men were busily en-gaged in cutting out the posts on each side of the gaged in cutting out the posts on each side of the sterm, where the sleeves of the tail shafts will be inserted. The after brackets for these shafts are already in place. The yacht has received her first coat of paint, and the probabilities are that she will be ready for aunching about Tuesday, May 18. Experts assert that she is one of the best vessels of her size and class ever built here. Her engines